

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, July 8, 1997**

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|    | 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.   | Commissioners' Staff Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| *T | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Public Hearing on Proposed Fee Changes for Travel Clinic, On-Site Sewage for Seasonal Establishments, and Birth and Death Certificates.</li><li>2. Report on Illegal Appliance Dumping in Skagit County.</li><li>3. Rabies Program Update.</li><li>4. Proposed Forty-Hour Work Week for Health Department Clerical Staff.</li><li>5. Miscellaneous.</li></ol> |
| *T | 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Parks Projects Update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| *T | 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Facilities Projects Update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|    | 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   | Tour of Northern State Recreational Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

**BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.**

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Fee Changes for Travel Clinic, On-Site Sewage for Seasonal Establishments, and Birth and Death Certificates.

Commissioner Wolden opened the public hearing. Peter Browning, Director, reviewed the reasons for coming forward at this time for the fee changes as presented in the Call for Public Hearing. The travel clinic will be reduced from \$75 to \$35, birth and death certificates will increase from \$8 to \$13, and on-site sewage disposal system for season establishments will be reduced from \$70 to \$35. Mr. Browning stated that there is no fee that exceeds the actual cost of accomplishing the service provided.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution updating the Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16599)**

2. Report on Illegal Appliance Dumping in Skagit County.

Vincent Sherman, Environmental Health Specialist, reviewed the serious problem of illegal dumping of household appliances. Mr. Sherman explained that mandatory garbage collection within cities does not stop the illegal dumping problem. Refrigerators are the largest problem due to the disposal of Freon. Mr. Sherman reviewed a list of the facilities in the County that accept household appliances.

Mr. Sherman and the Board discussed various ways to alleviate the problem.

Commissioner Hart asked for the cost to accept Refrigerators and Freezers at the Transfer Station, and was advised that the Transfer Station currently does not accept Refrigerators or Freezers but does accept other appliances for disposal at no cost.

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3. Rabies Program Update.

Wade Bessett, Environmental Health Specialist, reviewed recent incidences of rabies in the State of Washington, including the publicized problem of bats in the Governor's Mansion. Mr. Bessett gave the Board an overview of the Skagit County Health Department Rabies Program. Mr. Bessett advised that several animals have been tested in Skagit County and all reports have come back negative from the State Department of Health.

4. Proposed Forty-Hour Work Week for Health Department Clerical Staff.

Mr. Browning reviewed with the Board proposed changes in the department's Clerical Staff Work Schedule. This is a proposal to move from 35 hours per week to 40 hours per week for six clerical staff members. Mr. Browning advised that two staff positions have been eliminated, and this is an attempt to economically get the work done by remaining staff. The Board indicated their approval of this change.

5. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Browning indicated that a part-time employee will come in on Fridays to assist with the itinerant food service inspections.

**PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.**

Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, announced that today's agenda would include reports from his various Division Heads.

Lori Anderson, Fair Division, displayed to the Board a poster for this year's County Fair. Ms. Anderson advised the Board of the proposed entertainment for the Fair, and gave a general overview of the preparations in progress for this annual event.

Dennis Lind, Recreation Supervisor, advised that June and July are very active months for the Recreation Division. He reviewed for the Board the various tournaments being held and staffed by his division. Mr. Lind indicated that these tournaments bring folks to the Valley, and the past two tournaments brought approximately \$275,000 to businesses within the County. Upcoming events and sports camps were reviewed. Activities at Clear Lake Beach and the Brakefield Activity Center were discussed.

Peter Mayer, Operations Manager, introduced an intern from Eastern Washington University, Jeff Atkins, who will be assisting the Department through the summer.

Mr. Mayer reviewed the activities of the Parks Maintenance Crew at the various facilities around the County. Mr. Mayer thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance in maintaining Parks equipment. Mr. Mayer reviewed some of the specifics of the summer hire program within the Parks & Recreation Department.

**FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, presented to the Board a Call for Bids Resolution for the re-roofing of the Public Safety and Moen buildings. Specifics of the projects were briefly discussed. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Call for Bids as presented by Mr. Howard. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No.16602)**

Mr. Howard reviewed the progress being made on the Courthouse foundation and the items necessary to close-out the contract. The landscaping around the Courthouse was discussed. The necessity for a wheelchair ramp and repair to the sidewalk around the courthouse was discussed. Design of the interior space of the Brakefield Building was reviewed. The addition of a third Superior Court room was discussed and the necessity to construct first floor sheer walls for seismic improvements and a second fire exit were explained by Mr. Howard. Specific aspects of the maintenance shop at Burlington were reviewed. In addition, the SKAT facility was briefly discussed. Mr. Howard stated that bids will be opened next Monday on the E911 Center and the parking lot projects.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Staff presented a Resolution memorializing the decision the Board made at a Public Hearing on June 3, 1997 regarding an Appeal by Skagit County Public Utility District No. 1 of Hearing Examiner Decision in SHL #95-047 and SPU #PL95-021. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16600)**
2. Staff presented a Resolution memorializing the decision the Board made at a Public Hearing on June 3, 1997 regarding an appeal by Tom Buggia of Hearing Examiner Decision in SHL #95-047 and SPU #PL95-021. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16601)**
3. Staff presented an Amendment to Agreement with Christine Kohnert to extend her existing contract from December 31, 1996 to December 31, 1997. Ms. Kohnert provides outreach services to target group women to promote their utilization of women's health services. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement as presented by Staff. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 002543)**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Wolden made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

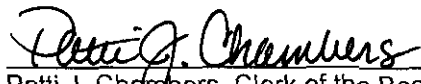
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